

Tuesday, October 28 2003

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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps.

The current way that I can manipulate media within my home network is why I invested in three desktop computers and one laptop. With restrictions in the future I will no longer need or want this network and the need for a computer for anything other than word processing or occasional movie listings. This is why I strongly oppose any change that would prohibit my current rights.

I am also upset that digital standards for television may require a subscription for what I can currently view for free (Minus me not charging to watch commercials Ha).

I lost my job and had to unsubscribe to cable to cut costs, what will the future hold for those of us who cannot afford to participate from time to time?

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The broadcast flag is neither in my interest nor the public's interest. It will prevent me from watching digital broadcast television in the ways I currently enjoy analog broadcast television—for example, it will restrict my ability to move the video I have recorded for personal viewing from room-to-room and place-to-place.

The broadcast flag will also lock out my computer as a way to watch my favorite shows using my choice of software on a plane or train, or to send a television clip of a high school football game to family and friends.

Furthermore, if computers cannot freely receive digital television, how can I expect creative developers to discover new devices that enable me to use content in exciting ways I haven't even thought of? I value innovative devices like TiVo, ReplayTV and the Windows Media Center PC, which exist today because they were built to open standards using inexpensive, off-the-shelf computer parts.

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Furthermore, I have hundreds of DVDs, all purchased legally. Please do not make me a criminal or make it impossible for me to store these DVDs on my computer and play them for my own enjoyment in my own home. Digital copy protection makes criminals of us all without due process.

Thank you.

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Currently there is a major push by consumers to remove those in office that vote against Consumer Rights. This is one such action. It is clear to this voter, that our government is doing everything it can against a strong lobby, to change the DMCA and return some of the Consumers Rights that were lost, with its inception. It is clear that the FCC is being manipulated to act on this for the Large Media Corporations, before THE US Congress can make changes to the law, and reinstate the fair use rules set in place by BETAMAX.

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I for one will not be making the transition to HDTV with such technology in place. Staying with my current level of technology I would have more options for Fair use then to go to digital, so what is the benefit? A better picture? So what? If you ask me it is not worth it. I for one am happy just to be able to see the show. Or time shift it to watch later, or be able to record it and watch it many times. Has this stopped me from purchasing the DVD collections when they become available? No. I purchase much of what I record, for the better quality, and reusability. However with Broadcast Flagging in place, that process will also stop. I will not be FORCED into buying a special new DVD just for your unwanted product. Supply and Demand. When the industry can not sell their product anymore, they will have little choice but to reform their ways. Just ask the music industry.

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